

THE VENEZUELAN TROUBLE.

The Kansas City Journal of the 25 inst. contained a very sane and thoughtful editorial upon the principles involved in the Venezuela difficulty.

In the first place, all of the claims both of Germany and England have arisen since Venezuela and every other South American State made public announcement of adherence to the Calvo doctrine.

England insisted on applying her naturalization laws to Englishmen resident in this country. She insisted that "once an Englishman always an Englishman."

All of England's claims against Venezuela and a large part of Germany's claims are on account of private investment losses incident to recent revolutions in the South American republic.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

Two of the most important matters likely to come up before the approaching session of the legislature in Missouri relate to the subjects of wills and deeds.

The other matter relates to the transfer of real estate. It is proposed to apply the Torrens title system to cities having a population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants.

think of going back to the old system any more than they would to the town pump and the tallow candle.

THE COCHRAN BILL.

Representative Cochran, of Missouri, a member of the committee on coinage, weights and measures, is preparing a currency bill to be offered as a substitute for the much talked of Fowler banking bill.

JUDGE GANTT FOR GOVERNOR.

The Kansas City Star is booming Judge Gantt for governor in 1904. Few men in the state stand higher with his party than Judge Gantt.

"NOBILITY."

The Crown Princess of Saxony, a mother of five children, has run away from her home, family, and the succession on the ground that her husband is a "drunken, immoral beast."

Marshall is rejoicing over its new Missouri Picnic depot, which from the newspaper descriptions must be a very handsome one for a city of that size.

GARY ON TRUSTS.

Cresman, the newspaper correspondent, recently interviewed Elbert H. Gary, who, more than any other one man, is responsible for the organization of the steel trust.

"Only one. It is a cry for a change in the tariff. For many years my mind was open on the tariff, but I have become a firm believer in protection.

Now Mr. Roosevelt tells a different story. He says that tariff reduction would serve the purpose of destroying the competitors of the trusts, thereby according to the benefit of the trusts.

THE TERRITORIES.

Beveridge's recommendation and bill for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as a single state is about as coarse work as Col. Kerens fusion with Lee Merriweather.

THE NESBIT LAW.

The Jefferson club, of St. Louis, has appointed a committee of thirty-five members to bear and codify republican objections to the present Nesbit election law.

The state legislature will meet January 7 and one of the first matters of interest will be the election of a president pro tem of the senate.

President Roosevelt has been invited by the stock men of Montana to participate in their mountain lion "drive."

Guyton and Harrington, of Lathrop, Mo., have a contract to furnish 70,000 miles within sixty days to restock Boer farms.

The grain and live stock exports of the United States during the ten months ending Nov. 31st fell off \$116,000,000.

According to the statistics carefully made by Consul General A. D. Barlow at the City of Mexico, \$500,000,000 has been invested by American companies and individuals in Mexican business enterprises within the past five years.

From the Pulpit.

The nation will be just as good and as safe as the individuals composing it.—Rev. P. Barr.

If one love God as the Master bids he can grasp every hand offered in the same love.—Rev. Dr. Byrd.

The man who continues downward only accelerates his own monument and returns becomes more and more difficult.—Rev. J. C. Smith.

Christ emancipated the soul from the thralldom of self and sin, and supplied us with energy for victory by girding us with might of deathless hope.—Rev. J. D. Freeman.

It is good to feel the heart beat stronger in anticipation of some object when that object embraces not alone our little selves but the great good of humanity.—Rev. Dr. Bishop.

If the spirit of honor and righteousness is not present among men we can not expect the laws to work well, for the fundamental thing is the kind of men behind the laws.—Rev. F. Phalen.

The church is stronger to-day than ever before, and what gives the church its present power is the fact that it has proved to be the greatest agency under God for the elevation of the race.—Rev. C. J. Hall.

A man may be great in many senses, but he can not be great in the best sense unless he recognizes somewhat of the divine in his own life and regards himself as being led by the Almighty.—Rev. Dr. Wrigley.

It is well to live for to-day, but he who lives his best for to-day lives also for eternity. Heredity is a fact that reaches further than we think.

If the church of Jesus Christ ever does the work which her divine Lord has asked her to do, she must close up her ranks. A church divided into sects and denominations is not the church which he organized.—Rev. Dr. Harlan.

It is a good thing for both capital and labor that the whole country is a little chilly. Conscience is being stirred, new laws will be enacted, both capital and labor will see their mutual relations more clearly.—Rev. Dr. Collesler.

What men need to make them Christians is not to be better convinced of Christian truth, but to fall in love with Christian life.

Whether we stay where we are or move out into some new sphere, we must be prepared to make any sacrifice that duty demands.

Make it your first business to be right, to live according to all the commandments of God, and the question of material good will settle itself naturally.

Wonder why the Post-Dispatch does not prosecute some of its reporters, who cook up "news" to suit their own views?

Charles Mulhearn, who was recently stabbed in a personal encounter at Higginsville, is very much improved and has been taken to his home.

Mrs. Aylesbury, of Higginsville, died at her home Saturday night. She survived her husband only about two weeks.

SALISBURY'S POOR MEMORY.

Late Prime Minister Lived in a World Apart from Others.

Whatever may be the cause, says the Review of Reviews, there is no mistaking the fact that Mr. Balfour's accession to the premiership has occasioned less stir than many political incidents of much less importance.

The Cecils are a world unto themselves and if Lord Salisbury may not be exactly said to be one of those world forgetting mortals by the world forgot, he lived and lives apart.

On one occasion a worthy wine merchant, who was invited to spend a week end in a family party at Hatfield, is said to have been mistaken by the late prime minister for Lord Roberts.

The good man rose to the situation, and was rewarded by being anxiously asked by the prime minister what he would do if he were in South Africa at that moment.

On another occasion he is said to have asked who that remarkably intelligent young man was with whom he had just been transacting business.

OLD PARISIAN BOOKSELLER.

One of the Most Popular Venders of Rare Books Is No More.

One of the most popular, as well as most erudite Paris venders of rare books, M. Porquet, has died at an advanced age, at his rooms in the Avenue de l'Opera.

Fined for Dancing.

At Luchow, in Germany, 129 fathers have been fined one mark apiece for allowing their children under ten years of age to dance at the harvest festival of a village near by.

A REMARKABLE JACKDAW.

Roost About London on the Queen and Street Cars.

Though by no means as jack-daws go, the remarkable bird which has just died at the Angel, Brixton, says the London Telegraph, had made a considerable reputation during the nearly 11 years of its association with mankind.

Jack's first flight from home was when he sailed to the roof of a house opposite the Angel. He returned safely to the call of his master, but this excursion evidently gave him confidence, and thenceforward it was his practice to leave and return to his home whenever the spirit moved him.

At the time of his death Jack was molting, and the day before he died he took two baths, the suggestion being that he was trying to alleviate the tiresome irritation which accompanied his annual feather shedding.

The Most Valuable Book.

The most valuable work in existence is said to be a copy of the Koran now treasured in the Mohammedan city of Isnan-Rusa, Persia.